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**Grammar Lesson: Principle Parts and Infinitives**

When you use a Latin dictionary to look up a verb – it may have a different ending.

In fact, you are going to find about four different forms of the verb – these are called the **PRINCIPLE PARTS** and are very important for you to know how to make ALL the different forms that are possible with the verb.

For example, if you were to look up “*intro,”* the dictionary would say:

**intro, intrare, intravi, intratus = to enter**

We are going to focus on the second principle part – it is called the **INFINITIVE** and is an important form of the verb to learn. Most Latin infinitives end with “*-re”* like “*intrare.”*  In English, they are the “to \_\_\_\_\_” form of the verb, like *“to enter*.*”* Here are some examples of verbs that you have learned so far in their infinitive forms:

saltare = to dance, to leap sedere = to sit

sistere = to stop fugere = to escape, to flee

intellegere = to understand nescire = to not know

**Exercise: Recognizing Infinitives**

Whether you know the meaning of the verb or not, you can recognize infinitives because they usually end with *“-re.”* In the box below are several verbs in different forms. There are 10 infinitives – can you find them all? Circle each word that is an infinitive.

absum ambulare pugnat spectas

videre laborant scribite portare

dormiunt clamate audire coquere sede

dare bibit laudamus amo valere

legitis nescio intellegere capere vocant ago

timere consumite salvete facio est

**Conjugation Families of Verbs**

You may notice that the verbs in your vocabulary list are separated into three different groups. Can you tell a difference between the groups?

Regular verbs exist in something like a family of verbs – we call these families **conjugations.** There are patterns that each family follows.

See if you can fit the verbs from the word bank with their families. There should be three verbs in each house. (Hint: You don’t need to know what the verbs mean to do this exercise!)

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| **Word Bank >** | nescio, nescire capio, capere lego, legere  laudo, laudare vivo, vivere sedeo, sedere  salveo, salvere monstro, monstrare do, dare  ago, agere fugio, fugere mugio, mugire  habeo, habere audio, audire iacio, iacere |



